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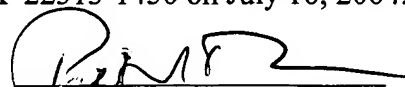
Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated May 19, 2004 and in accordance with the provisions in 37 C.F.R. §1.821, Applicants submit herewith an initial paper and a initial computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, along with a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), stating that these copies are identical. A copy of the Notice to Comply is also enclosed.

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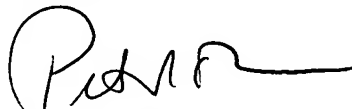
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Applicants respectfully submit that the content of the paper and computer copies of the sequence listing do not introduce new matter.

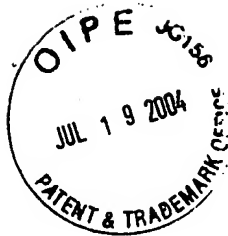
Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f)

Sir:

I hereby state that the content of the initial paper and initial computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

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